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OUTRAM SPOTLIGHT

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Our Learning, Achievements, and Moments Together

**APRIL - MAY
2026**

- What an exciting NSG season for Outramians!
- A huge congratulations to our Water Polo Boys – 'B' Division Champions!
- We are proud of every Outramian's achievements and spirit across all areas of school life.



2026 JAN - MAY:

**MAKING A
SPLASH IN A
NEW
NEIGHBOUR-
HOOD**

In less than six months, Outram Secondary School has celebrated many exciting milestones in our new neighbourhood. From clinching the Water Polo 'B' Division Championship as part of the combined team with Singapore Sports School, to achieving sporting glory in swimming, badminton, and more, our Outramians have truly hit the ground running.

This term's Spotlight captures the many experiences that have shaped our Outramians – settling into our new home, forging stronger bonds with the community, welcoming Primary 6 students for our Experience Day, and celebrating our cultural diversity through Tamil New Year, Hari Raya, and Mother Tongue Language Fortnight.

Through it all, the Outramian spirit shines brightest. Whether leading, stepping up, or cheering one another on, our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and heart, keeping the Outramian flame burning bright.



WE ARE NOW 120!

Fun Fact: The Anchorvale campus holds an unusual connection to the York Hill campus – both the old and the new campuses share a common trait of being situated near hospitals! Singapore General Hospital in the case of the latter, and Sengkang General Hospital for the former! Read on to find out more about our school's heritage on the next page!

INTERVIEW WITH MR WONG KAN SENG | CLASS OF 1963



1) What were your best memories of your time in Outram Secondary School? Might there have been key lesson or takeaway from your school days that has stayed with you even after graduation?

What I remember most are my teachers. I can still recall the names of most of them, and their faces. They were truly caring and dedicated. One teacher even guided me and helped mark my worksheets as a private student to prepare for the Cambridge School Certificate examination.

My memories of Outram are vivid even after all these decades. The flooding in the school compound when it rained, the Outram Prison next to it, and the friends I made, some of whom I am still in touch with.

Some teachers reminded us of the school motto Labor Omni Vincit, to not give up even when one fails, and to be good citizens so that we would not end up in the prison next door! This left quite an impression on young minds.

But Outram taught me something even more important: never to stop learning. That was why I continued to study after I left school.

2) As we mark this significant milestone, what are your heartfelt wishes for the school and its community?

I congratulate Outram Secondary School on its 120th anniversary. It is a remarkable milestone. I am proud to be part of Outram's long and diverse story. The school shaped generations – including mine – and its legacy continues to evolve with every new campus and every new cohort of students.

May its next century be just as inspiring as the last.



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LUMINARIES
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In this issue, we are honoured to feature an illustrious Outramian, Mr Wong Kan Seng, who attended Outram Secondary School from 1960 to 1963. A distinguished statesman and business leader, Mr Wong has had a remarkable career in the public service, having served as Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore. He currently serves as Chairman of UOB and Chairman of CapitaLand Group – a testament to the enduring legacy of an Outramian who truly exemplifies leadership and excellence throughout his life.

Celebrating Achievements

120th Speech Day – Honouring our legacy, Shaping our Future

Our 120th Speech Day was a deeply meaningful occasion, held at our beloved York Hill campus — a place rich with memories for our returning award recipients. The moody morning weather only added to the atmosphere, lending the event a fittingly nostalgic mood. Highlights included a high-energy Modern Dance

performance featuring many new Sec One members, and a moving closing finale — "Pulse of Outram: Be the Light" — where student leaders led the school in song, reaffirming the enduring Outramian spirit in a memorable light-up celebration.



Sec Ones attending the live stream

Anchorvale Celebrates!

Despite the added challenge of a split-campus celebration, our selected Sec Ones joined their seniors in person at the York Hill campus, while the rest gathered at Anchorvale for a live stream celebration. It was a beautiful moment for our younger Outramians to honour and draw inspiration from the seniors who have come before them.

Heartfelt and inspiring messages

Our Principal, Mr Keith Tan, opened the ceremony with an inspiring message to Outramians past and present, reminding us that the true Outramian spirit lives on wherever Outramians are. The sense of community was further felt as Outramians came together to pen well-wishes for the school, creating a lively and hopeful atmosphere that reaffirmed

our proud school spirit. Our two student speakers also left a lasting impression — valedictorian, Su Lei Hnin Nicole shared a heartwarming account of her leadership journey, while Lee E Lan Mia, one of five Pilot Pen Resilience Award recipients, delivered an authentic and moving reflection on overcoming personal challenges with resilience and grace.



"our legacy persists because of our resilience and passion"



"To my juniors, I would like to say this: make the most of your time in secondary school. Try new things, take up opportunities, and do not be afraid to challenge yourself. Work hard, but also enjoy the journey because it passes by very quickly."

**– Su Lei Hnin Nicole
Recipient of the Outramian of the Year Award
Class of 2025**

"Being a learner for life is not about always succeeding. It is about learning how to keep going even when things do not go the way you hoped. [...] And most importantly, it is about believing that setbacks are not the end of your story."

**– Lee E Lan Mia
Recipient of the Pilot Pen Award
Class of 2025**



Celebrating Achievements

Celebrating Dedication, Inspiring Excellence

We honour our staff and appreciate their years of loyalty and dedication to the Singapore Public Service.

Award	Our Staff	
Special Appreciation Award [5 years]	Ms Chong Moh Ching	
Long Service Award [5 years]	Mr Mohamad Farhan Bin Mohd. Fadil	Ms Zahira Binte Mohamed Yusoff
Long Service Award [15 years]	Ms Diana Binte Othman	Ms Nadiah Binte Abdul Rahman
	Mr Leo Chin Ho @Sim Chin Ho	Ms Zaiton Bte Mohamed Punithar Basa
Long Service Award [20 years]	Ms Toh Gan Ying (Zhuo Yanying)	Mr Martin Lee Tze Chuen
Long Service Award [25 years]	Mr Lim Teck Ming	Mdm Malar Vizhi d/o Anjappan
Long Service Award [30 years]	Mr Pek Chi Hiong Gary	

Championing Tamil, Inspiring Generations

A passionate advocate for the Tamil language, Mdm Subbu Suba Sakthidevi served as a debate team leader and speaker during Tamil Language Month 2026, guiding JC and Secondary students to Top 2 positions in oratorical competitions. She was also invited to judge the Primary 5 & 6 Translation Competition at Keat Hong CC and the ‘Acting as Great Tamil Poets’ competition at Bukit Panjang CC. Her contributions reflect an unwavering commitment to keeping the Tamil language alive, vibrant, and cherished.



Saluting Years of Service

The National Cadet Corps Long Service Medal 2025 was awarded to CPT(NCC) Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Rahim, Officer Commanding of our school’s NCC unit, for his 12 years of service.



Serving with Heart, Honoured by the Nation



We congratulate Mr Lim Teck Ming, recipient of the National Day Award 2025 – Long Service Medal (Pingat Bakti Setia). The Long Service Medal, instituted in 1962, is awarded to a person who is of irreproachable character and who has completed at least 25 years service in the service of any organisation, association or body rendering services in the field of education.



Sports Highlights

National School Games (NSG) 2026



From March to May, our students took to the courts, pools, and fields for the National School Games, competing in Water Polo, Badminton, Swimming, and

Basketball. Regardless of outcomes, we celebrate every Outramian for their dedication, effort, and spirit throughout the season.

Triumphant Win for Outram – Singapore Sports School Water Polo Team

In a spectacular display of teamwork and aquatic excellence, the combined forces of Outram Secondary School and Singapore Sports School emerged champions of the 2026 National School Games Water Polo 'B' Division Boys Championship. This landmark victory highlights the power of collaboration between both institutions, creating a high-performance environment that drove the team to the top.



The road to the title was built on resilience, tactical discipline, and intensive joint training sessions that forged remarkable team chemistry. The championship is a proud milestone for Outram Sec's water polo programme, celebrating our

Outramians as true "Learners for Life and Leaders of Integrity" – and a promising sign of more success to come.

Swimming



The Swimming CCA entered NSG 2026 with purpose and preparation, focusing on technical refinement, race strategies, and teamwork. With a fresh cohort of Sec One swimmers joining the fold, training sessions also emphasised resilience and sportsmanship. Our swimmers represented Outram with commitment and pride, gaining valuable experience on the national stage.

Achievements by Our Swimmers

Special mention goes to Jeryl Chew, who clinched 1st in the 50m Freestyle and 2nd in the 100m Freestyle, and to Ithiel Lim, who competed strongly in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke events. Our relay teams also put up a commendable showing across the 'B' and 'C' Division Boys and Girls categories. These results reflect the collective dedication of our Outramians and lay a strong foundation for continued growth in the seasons ahead.



Sports Highlights

Badminton



Our Girls' Badminton team put up an impressive showing at the NSG ranking tournament, securing victories in 3 out of 4 matches. Though they narrowly missed qualifying for Tier 4, the team displayed tremendous fighting spirit, sportsmanship, and unity throughout. A special mention goes to their 100% attendance record for all training and matches – a true reflection of their discipline and dedication.

'Our 'C' Boys' Badminton team made their competitive debut at NSG, facing strong opponents with determination and good sportsmanship. For many, it was their first taste of competitive school badminton, and the experience has laid a meaningful foundation for growth in skill and confidence. The school is proud of both teams for representing Outram with heart and commitment.



Basketball



Our 'C' Boys' Basketball team delivered a commendable NSG performance, securing two victories from three matches and earning promotion from Tier 7 to Tier 6 – all without any Sec Two players in the team. Their resilience, determination, and growth mindset throughout the sea



-son has been truly inspiring. Our Girls' Basketball team are equally gearing up for their challenge ahead, and we encourage the whole school community to rally behind both teams as they represent Outram with pride.

Sports in Education Programme @ OSS!

Our Sports Education Programme (SEP) gave Outramians a chance to explore new sporting experiences beyond the usual CCA offerings. Our Sec Ones learned the fundamentals of martial arts and self-defence through Taekwondo, picking up valuable skills in discipline and personal safety. Meanwhile, our Sec Threes tried their hand at Tchoukball – an exciting and fast-paced sport not currently offered as a CCA – discovering a new passion and broadening their sporting horizons.

Programme in Pictures



Outram connections

Connecting with Nature

Outram Sec marked a meaningful milestone with the first two phases of our 120th Anniversary Tree Planting initiative, held on 10 April and 8 May 2026. Together, students, teachers, staff, and school leaders planted 11 trees — six representing our SPIRIT values and five embodying our School Vision, Motto, and Mission. The final phase will take place at our 120th Anniversary Celebration on 14 November 2026, where our Guest of Honour will plant the 12th and final tree, completing a living tribute to 120 years of growth, resilience, and excellence.



Beyond a commemorative gesture, the initiative brought our values to life through purposeful action, empowering Outramians to practise environmental stewardship firsthand. It also contributes to the national OneMillionTrees movement under the Singapore Green Plan 2030, inspiring Outramians to play an active role in building a City in Nature. As these trees take root and flourish, so too will the values and aspirations they represent, shaping future generations of Outramians.

Cross-Cultural Connections



This year's Mother Tongue Language Fortnight, themed "Deepening our Roots!", was held from 6 to 10 April. Through workshops, curriculum-based learning and cultural booths across both campuses, our Outramians deepened their appreciation of the various Mother Tongue languages and cultures in engaging and hands-on ways.

The week culminated in a

vibrant celebration on 10 April, commemorating Hari Raya, Tamil New Year, and International Friendship Day. Featuring a student-led skit, cultural performances, and a showcase of traditional attire, the event brought stories of renewal, forgiveness, and friendship to life, closing with a dynamic dance showcase that celebrated the diversity and unity of the Outram community.

Strengthening Family Connections

Parent Appreciation Day was a heartwarming occasion where our parent volunteers set up craft booths and fun activities for students to enjoy. More than just a day of games and laughter, it was a meaningful opportunity for students and parents to connect and create lasting memories together, celebrating the strong community at the heart of Outram Secondary School.





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Beyond the school

OH! Outram Experience

On 20 May 2026, Outram Secondary School opened its doors to 245 Primary 6 students from Valour Primary, Springdale Primary, Seng Kang Primary, and Fernvale Primary for our OH! Outram School Experience Day. Held in the afternoon, the event gave our young visitors an authentic taste of life as an Outramian – from CCAs to lessons.

Our Student Ambassadors also played a key role in the day, guiding and hosting our guests with enthusiasm and pride. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Sec Ones to step up as ambassadors of the school, and for our visitors to catch a glimpse of the vibrant community that awaits them in secondary school.



Talent Development

The Mother Tongue Languages Department has had a busy and fruitful season. In Chinese Language, two students had articles published by Lianhe Zaobao, while six students represented the school in the National Chinese Riddle Competition 2026. In Malay Language, two students were appointed as *Rakan Bahasa* 2026, and three students competed in the Piala Cendekia Sahibba National Malay Scrabble Competition, with Amirah Sorfina achieving a Top 10 placement. In Tamil Language, three upper secondary students clinched 2nd place in the National Interactive Digital Learning AI Competition, while Suhail and Guruthiliban Hari claimed 3rd prize at a Writers' Lab Workshop by the National Arts Council and National Library Board.

Rounding off the season, our Malay and Tamil Language students came together to participate in Culture Through Kabaddi 2026, forging meaningful cross-cultural friendships through shared learning.

